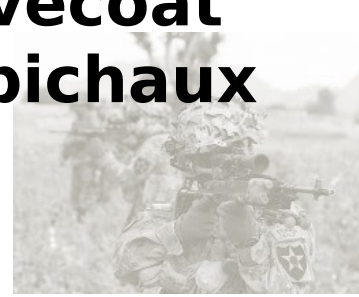


# SOF / CF Interdependence



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<b>2014 Problem Statement:</b>			How can conventional forces and SOF maintain the excellent interdependence established in Iraq & Afghanistan?					
<b>Objectives:</b>			<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Define the Problem</li><li>2. Provide an overview of SOF / CF interaction best practices.</li><li>3. Provide an overview of current SOF/CF training opportunities.</li><li>4. Discuss gaps, seams, and areas that will atrophy as well as ways to mitigate them over the next 5 years.</li></ol>					
<b>Outcomes:</b>			The Maneuver community of practice (CoP) leaves with a clear understanding of SOF / CF interdependence best practices, on-going training opportunities and expected atrophy, as well as ways to mitigate the atrophy over the next 5 years.					
<b>Question 1:</b>			What are the best practices for achieving SOF / CF interaction?					
<b>Question 2:</b>			What are current SOF / CF training opportunities within FORSCOM, USASOC, the COCOMs, TRADOC, and the NG?					
<b>Question 3:</b>			What are the gaps, seams, and areas we expect to see atrophy over the next 5 years?					
<b>Question 4:</b>			What actions are needed to mitigate these shortcomings and expected atrophy within FORSCOM, USASOC, TRADOC, and the NG?					
<b>Workgroup Leads:</b>								
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<b>Key Attendees for Discussion:</b>								
SOF - Chief Clement Victor Chief Warrant Officer - Education Group			CSM Engram, USAIS CSM			MCCC instructors/students w/deployment experience working with both SOF and CF		
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<b>Prof Dev Tng (MCCC)</b>		<b>FORSCOM/CORPS</b>		
	6 x MCCC instructors/students w/deployment experience working with both SOF and CF			
<b>Prof Dev Tng (NCOA)</b>		<b>NGB/USAR</b>	COL Jeff Van	
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# Agenda



- **Define the Problem**
- **SOF / CF Best Practices**
- **SOF / CF Training Opportunities**
- **Equipment Sustains/Improves**
- **Atrophy**
- **Ways to Encourage More Interaction**
- **Way Ahead**



# Define the Problem

- What are we trying to solve?
- What is the SOF / CF interdependence problem?



# **SOF / CF Best Practices**



- **Conventional Force LNO in SOF TOC**
- **SOF LNO in Conventional Force TOC**
- **Conventional Force embed in SOF operation; provides continuity during battlefield handover**
- **Weekly SOF / CF Targeting VTC**
- **TBD**





# SOF / CF Training Opportunities



## **FORSCOM / USASOC:**

- **CF / SOF: JRTC / NTC / JMRC Rotation**
- **SOF / CF:**
  - Task Force Training (TFTs)
  - MLAT (Airfield Seizure w/CF Integration)
  - Assist foreign countries with upgrading their TNG
- **TBD**

## **COCOMs:**

- **Regionally Aligned Forces and SF Teams**
- **COCOM Training Exercises**
- **Operational Deployment (AFG, Iraq)**
- **Pre-Operational Deployment DC Tour (CIA, NSA, NGA, State, etc..)**
- **TBD**



# SOF / CF Training Opportunities II



## TRADOC:

- Jumpmaster
- Pathfinder
- Basic Airborne Course
- Air Assault
- IMLOC
- Ranger
- IBOLC: 0 hrs dedicated to SOF
- MCCC: CF 895 POI hrs / SOF 01 POI hr (Common Core Class)
- CGSC
- War College
- TBD

## USASOC:

- HALO
- 18X Program
- TBD





# Equipment Sustains/Improves



- **SOF Equipment**

- **Sustain**
  - TBD
- **Improve**
  - TBD

- **CF Equipment**

- **Sustain**
  - TBD
- **Improve**
  - TBD



# Atrophy



- **Limited interaction between the cultures**
- **Intelligence hoarding**
- **Limited interaction in PME**
- **TBD**



# Ways to Encourage More Interaction



## **TRADOC (USASOC):**

- Eliminate SOF Jumpmaster Course (all Jumpmasters attend FBGA or 82<sup>nd</sup> ABN)
- Bring back SF into MCCC
- Establish CF / SOF Interaction Cell at MCoE
- Bring SF Teams to IBOLC FTXs
- TBD

## **USASOC:**

- Allow more CFs to attend SOF courses (SFARTIC, Medical, etc)
- Establish SOF / CF Interaction Cell at JFKSWC
- TBD

## **USASOC / FORSCOM:**

- Synchronize SOF / CF Training & Deployments
- TBD

## **DA:**

- Change personnel policies to enable rotations between SOF and CF assignments
- TBD

## **NG:**

- TBD



# Way Ahead



- **11 SEP 14 MWfC Working Group**
- **01 OCT 14 Grow SOF / CF interdependence Cell within MCoE (CAT-D)**
- **TBD**
- **SEP 15 Revisit at 2015 Maneuver Conference**